Progress of North-South and East-West Corridor

†3580. SHRIAJAYMAROO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress of proposed North-South and East-West corridors for linking important places of the country with roadways;

(b) by when this project is likely to be completed; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this project and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The status of North South and East West Corridors is enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(b) The project is likely to be completed substantially by December, 2008.

(c) In Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal and some other States due to difficult terrain conditions/environmental issues and other reasons, preparation of Detailed Project Reports/finalization of tenders has got delayed.

Statement

Status of North South and East West Corridor

Physical Progress as on April 30, 2006

* Total Length (North South 4,076 km + East West 3.640 km)	7.300 (length will change after completion of DPR/award of civil works)
* Completed {North South 600 km + Esat West 222 km)	822
* Under Implementation (North South 1960 + East West 2932 km)	4892
* Balance for award for civil works contracts (Phase II) North South 1193 km -i- East West 288 km)	1481

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.